

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 4, beginning on page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

Infusible material means suitable to wet, steep with, percolate, or soak in an aqueous solvent, like water, to generate a beverage. Water soluble material means suitable to dissolve in water to generate a beverage, like a serving pack of hot chocolate powder, or freeze dried or instant coffee or tea (i.e., coffee or tea particulates). Beverage means a drink suitable for humans other than water, and preferably, coffee or tea, and most preferably, tea. Aroma compound means volatile compounds capable of generating a pleasant odor, including natural or artificial aroma compounds. Tea means derived from *Camellia sinensis*. Aqueous solvent, when used herein, is meant to include hot (e.g., greater than about 60°C) and cold (e.g., less than about 15°C) water. Carried on carrier compounds means, for example, carried as a core (i.e., encapsulated) or carried within a matrix. Reduced amount, as used herein, means from about 0.5 to about 25.0%, and preferably, from about 5.0 to about 20.0%, and most preferably, from about 8.0 to about 15.0% by weight less than the conventional amount of infusible or water soluble material used, as the case may be, to make about a six (6) to about an eight (8) ounce serving. Conventional amount used to make about a 6 to about an 8 ounce serving with tea leaf, ground coffee, coffee particulates, tea particulates, herb and cocoa means about 1.90-2.50 grams, about 3.5-6.5 grams, about 1.40-2.40 grams, about 0.30-0.90 grams, about 1.0-2.50 grams and about 1.85-4.5 grams, respectively.